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Dear Mr. Neal and National Organic Standards Board:

This letter is in reference to the National Organic Program, Sunset Review, Docket number TM-04-07. Kerry Inc. has a number of manufacturing sites that produce organic materials for use within the food industry. Without the use of the substances referenced in the National List 205.605(a), 205.605(b) and 205.606, it is likely to result in a reduced number of products we will be able to offer for sale, into in the organic market, as many of our ingredients used are grown or processed using substances contained on the National List. Examples of such ingredients are enzymes, silicon dioxide, citric acid, carageenan, dairy cultures, colors, and glucono delta-lactone.

For this reason, this is a formal letter in support of keeping the present NOP ruling for the organic processing ingredients and processing aids. Kerry Inc. supports the continued allowance of the substances contained within the National List 205.605(a), 205.605(b) and 205.606. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the topic in further detail. Please feel free to contact me at 608-363-1463 at your earliest convenience.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Penny Marsh", written over a horizontal line.

Penny Marsh  
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Cc: Organic Trade Association  
National Organic Standards Board